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Dear "Convenor":

This material is going to the 31 individuals designated as "convenors" on the local directory distributed earlier. Many of you have received notices of late additions (and some may be enclosed with this letter) for people in your area. These will be added to a revision of the directory to be distributed in 2 or 3 weeks, along with several corrections I have received.

Meantime, I'm sending you several items that you might find useful:

1. Ulric Shannon's write-up of the Albany-Rochester-Buffalo meeting held Jan 17 at Fredonia; not necessarily a "model" for your meetings, but an idea.
2. excerpt from the Congressional Record showing Rep Henry Gonzalez' introduction of a resolution to open the HSCA files. I understand the resolution has been referred to the House Administration Committee, chaired by (no relation) Charles Rose of North Carolina. I expect to have a list, courtesy Ray Ritchie, of all the documents contained in the HSCA files.
3. photocopy of a clip from the Houston Post showing the results of a survey of Texas congressmen on the issue of opening the files---perhaps suggesting a direction that that we might use "media assets" in our respective areas; most daily newspapers must have "political reporters" who might be encouraged to do similar jobs of getting members of congress on record.
4. clipping from the Buffalo News, a column of Donn Esmonde about myself. Without seeking personal aggrandizement, I think we must find ways to exploit the fleeting "fame" in our current situation to promote a more favorable climate of public acceptance of our work; and the political action necessary to open research files.
5. A clip about the files recently opened in Dallas. From other sources I understand that the condition of access to these files (one hour at a time under the nose of the archivist) are not particularly encouraging. We have an offer from "one of us" to photocopy the file very cheaply, but it would of course be necessary first to get a copy from their archives.
6. The first issue of Prologue, published by Bill Kelly for the COA. At this point it isn't entirely clear how we and COA can help each other; but I'm working on it.
7. A form or format for you to submit a report on your group's activities. Some reports I've received already; I'd like to have the first of your reports using the format by March 1 if possible. Please remember, communication is the essence of organization, so let's "stay in touch."

The humongous "double issue" of TTD for Jan-Mar is nearly complete and hopefully will be in your hands by or very close to March 1.

Jerry

Jerry Rose